



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q81016

Dominique LIGEOIS, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/820,788

Group Art Unit: 1745

Confirmation No.: 8716

Examiner: Karie Amber Oneill

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For: ELECTRIC COUPLING OF A CONNECTION TO AN ELECTROCHEMICAL
BUNDLE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2006, in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response by one month, making a reply due on or before December 4, 2006 (December 3, 2006, being a Sunday).

In the Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following:

Group I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a system for electric coupling of a plane connection to the electrodes of the same polarity of an electrochemical bundle, classified in class 429, subclass 161; or

Group II. Claims 20-24, drawn to a method of electric coupling of a plane connection to the electrodes of the same polarity of an electrochemical bundle, classified in class 29, subclass 623.4.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, drawn to claims 1-19, without traverse.

Furthermore, since Applicant chose Group I, Applicant is hereby required to elect a species of Group I as follows:

1-1 Claims 1-13 drawn to a system for electric coupling of a plane connection to the electrodes of the same polarity of an electrochemical bundle; or

1-2 Claims 14-19 drawn to an electrochemical generator comprising a system for electric coupling further chosen from lithium generators and supercapacitors.

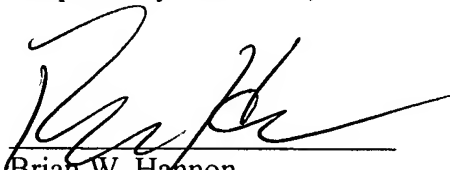
Applicant further elects, Group I-1, claims 1-13, without traverse, Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application on the non-elected claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that a complete examination on the merits is now in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephone interview would be helpful, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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